WTF? (cf. The Apostle Paul)

I wanted to take a moment to share a few thoughts—specifically, some thoughts about Christianity—that might be helpful to others. At the end of the day, Christianity is about being human. Christianity is not about Jesus. Christianity is about us—and that's the reason it's about Jesus. Christianity is about us; that's the reason Jesus was born, the reason Jesus lived, and the reason Jesus died. The resurrection, at minimum, is a symbol that Jesus' birth, life, and death are damn good news. In fact, it's such damn good news that Christians were—and are—willing to suffer death, torture, poverty, and scorn rather than deny the resurrection, which, at minimum, is an existential symbol that the birth, life, and death of Jesus is damn good news.

Why is Jesus' life damn good news? Jesus' life is damn good news because he showed us his Father. Jesus showed us what God is like. And the God that Jesus showed us is a Father who is completely, madly, ridiculously, unimaginably, psychotically over-the-top in love—eternally obsessed with each one of His children, including you and me. Jesus' Father will do anything and everything to convince us how much He cares about us, how much He loves us. He knows everything there is to know—He knows all of our deepest, darkest secrets, probably even those we don't know ourselves—and that just makes Him love us more. The more sinful we are, the more foolish we are, the more He loves us.

Jesus tells parable after parable about this. He says that the people who need a physician are those who are sick. He says that He will leave all the church nerds and go find the alienated, the bitter, the intoxicated, the work-addicted, the achievement-addicted—in other words, each one of us. We are all the lost sheep, whether we know it or not. And Jesus' Father knows everything. There is nothing that we can do to make Jesus' Father love us any less. He loved each of us before we were born, before any human laid eyes on us.

Why is it that we know this information? How can we conclude that God, our Father, is completely, insanely, ridiculously in love with us? It is because God sent His Son, His only beloved Son. Think about it: are there any parents out there? What's harder for you: suffering something terrible yourself, or watching your child suffer something terrible? Can you imagine loving something so much that you were willing to allow your child to suffer unimaginably because of this thing or person? And what if the someone that your child is going to suffer for is your enemy? It's almost as if this person that you're sending your child to suffer for is also your child.

Well, in fact, that is actually the truth. We are each of us God's child. And He loves us so much that He is willing to send His own beloved Son, who actually is part of Himself—but that's a theological discussion for another time. God, our Father in Heaven—Jesus' Father—is so ridiculously, psychotically over-the-top in love with us that He's willing to allow His own Son, his own baby child, to be tortured and killed *for the sake of* His enemies. And not only that—*by* His enemies. God our Father is sending His dearly beloved, only child to be tortured by His enemies in order to show that there is not one goddamn thing that His enemies—or those of us who think we are His enemies—can do to escape the obsessive, over-the-top, ridiculously psychotic and insane love that God, our Father, has for us. https://boydcamak.wordpress.com/zine-1-0/